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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 02356.0090

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Brigitte GICQUEL) Group Art Unit: 1645
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Serial No.: 10/777,131) Examiner: Rodney P. SWARTZ
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Filed: February 13, 2004) Confirmation No.: 3675
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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR)
DETECTING MULTIDRUG RESISTANT)
STRAINS OF *M. TUBERCULOSIS*)
HAVING MUTATION SIN GENES OF)
THE *MUTT* FAMILY)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

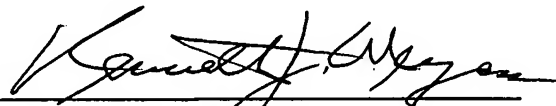
In a restriction requirement dated June 24, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group 1, Claims 1-25 and 44, drawn to a method of detecting DNA alteration; and Group II, Claims 26-43 and 45, drawn to DNA and vectors. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, Claims 26-43 and 45, drawn to DNA and vectors.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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